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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to inform you of my position in regards to the Microsoft antitrust dispute. I fully support Microsoft and the settlement that was reached in November, and I am anxiously waiting for an end to this dispute.

The settlement that was reached in November is fair and reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to all provisions, including provisions that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping up the suit. Microsoft is willing to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Microsoft has also agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers, and software developers to promote non- Microsoft software within Windows.

This settlement will serve in the best public interest. I strongly urge you to support this settlement so consumers and the economy can feel the positive effects of allowing Microsoft to get back to business as usual. Thank you for your support.

I actually believe Microsoft did no wrong.

Sincerely,

